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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Let us wait for the separation of the Andhra State and then see how far the situation improves or deteriorates."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, does the Hon. the Finance Minister seriously think that Re. 0–12–0 a day would be sufficient for a man's subsistence? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, there are persons who are living even without this 12 annas. So it depends on the person concerned."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the Hon. the Finance Minister said that Government themselves were in need of relief. Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of taking the relief from the very same class of inferior Government servants if they are prepared to relinquish their salaries? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am prepared to take the relief from the hon. Member if he is prepared to give up his salary." (Laughter.)

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Sir, in view of the promises made by all the parties in the country before Independence that the maximum wages should be reduced to Rs. 500 per mensem and in view of the economic stringency that the State is now facing, would the Government cut salaries above Rs. 500 and increase the salaries of low paid people at least a little? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This question does not arise out of the main question. But still I would like to inform the hon. Member that our State alone cannot take action on that line. We have to fall in line with the Government of India in these matters."

Representations from the Non-Gazetted Officers' Association.

* 263-G *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the Association of the Non-Gazetted Officers of the State pointing out inequalities, disparities and anomalies in the scales of pay fixed according to the revised scales of pay in 1947 ; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Non-Gazetted Officers' Association made representations regarding certain inequalities, disparities and anomalies in the revised scales of pay sanctioned by the Government in 1947, as for example, that the increase in the scales of pay of different services was not made on a uniform basis, that persons who had reached the maximum of their pay-scales got no relief, etc. The Government examined the representations of the Association but found that the suggestions made by it were not

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acceptable, as they were not in conformity with the principles adopted by the Government in connexion with the revision of the pay-scales in 1947. The Government informed the Association accordingly. The Association was also informed that if individual cases of hardship or anomalies were brought to their notice due consideration would be given to them. Subsequent to the general revision of the pay-scales in 1947, the Government made a further revision of the scales of pay of certain posts, when they felt that the scales were inadequate or caused anomalies (e.g.), Peons, Compounders in medical institutions, Health Inspectors, Shroffs, etc.''

Formation of a Land Colonization Co-operative Society in Bapatla taluk.

* 263-H *Q.*—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from the villagers of Perali of Bapatla taluk, Guntur district requesting the Government to form a Land Colonization Co-operative Society and assign the 1,500 acres of cultivable waste lying around ;

(*b*) whether the District Collector of Guntur had submitted any proposals in this matter ; and

(*c*) the steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—'' (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

'' (*c*) In view of the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) this question does not arise.''

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—'' Sir, in view of the information given in my question itself that 1,500 acres of waste lands are there, will the Government consider at least now to organize co-operative societies for the landless poor? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question.''

Restrictions of the number of seats in the bus route between Sendurai and Madanathur, Tiruchirappalli.

* 263-I *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Regional Transport Authorities are empowered to determine or limit the number of seats that should be fixed to a bus irrespective of the full seating capacity of the bus ;

(*b*) if so, the circumstances under which they could so restrict ; and

(*c*) the reasons for restricting the number of seats to 18 only in Selvam Motor Service running between Sendurai and Madanathur in Udayarpalayam taluk, Tiruchirappalli district?